

MAYOR HALL.

Opening Proceedings in the Trial of Mayor Hall for Alleged Neglect of Official Duty.

THE PUBLIC EXCITEMENT.

Great Array of Counsel on Both Sides.

Only Three Jurors Obtained Up to the Time of Adjournment.

Rigid Examination of an Editor as to His Claims Against the City and as a Sincereist.

The Trial To Be Resumed This Morning.

The trial of the Chief Magistrate of the Empire City of the Empire State of the Union, which was commenced yesterday before Chief Justice Charles F. Daly, of the Common Pleas, promises to be one of the most sensational dramas in real life pass away from public view without such stage effect and consequent notoriety as is sure to be added by a representation of all the leading points in the law courts of our city. These have all more or less their tragical and their comical delineations and characteristics from the rising of the curtain in the first act to the dénouement.

It is no doubt a subject of public concernment that of the notorious and insatiable plunderers of the city treasury, who have been held for trial in bonds for a million one of them have been proceeded against, while the Mayor of the city is selected for the first legal criminal action that has been instituted by the self-styled reformers of our city government. The defendant, alms of a legal luminary of the first rank, will not trust to the law's delay to give him final deliverance from those who seek his conviction, at the hands of his peers, but boldly demands and insists upon his right of trial upon the indictments charged against him. His adversaries would prefer that he should deliver arraignment and trial and be prepared to proceed against the alleged plunderers perpetrating against the city, hoping that then to the heat of public excitement from the long-promised disclosures, the Mayor, however unintentional his wrong-doing might prove to be, would suffer from the general verdict of condemnation which they anticipate from the trial of our city officials. The Mayor, however, with a true appreciation of his high position and what is due to the citizens who place him there, knows that to justify him in continuing to hold the office he must be justified of all men and absolved from all charges of wrong-doing by a verdict of his fellow citizens sworn to try him.

Yesterday being the day appointed for the trial the court room of the general sessions was crowded from an early hour, Captain McKeskey being adverse to keeping the doors closed against the respectable class of citizens that applied for admission. As on the previous Monday, the day first set apart for the trial of the case, the large audience sat perfectly still and silent while anxiously awaiting the opening of the proceedings. The Judge's private door was, however, strictly guarded, and none but a few well known professional gentlemen and reporters of the press, who had been previously furnished with passes, were allowed to pass through the doors.

At eleven o'clock MAYOR HALL ENTERED and straightway proceeded to the outer bar. With him immediately following were his counsel, a formidable array of legal talent—even himself a host. His counsel consisted of Aaron J. Vanderpool, Recorder Smith, J. E. Burrill and P. C. D. Buckley. These gentlemen stood clustered together, making the right of the Mayor's counsel a very imposing and a table to sit at, from which it was surmised by some of the knowing ones of the press that the Mayor would not be in order. After the defendant's counsel entered the court.

Consisting of Urban Tremain, representing the Attorney General, and associated with whom Mr. Henry L. Clinton and Mr. Peckham. Mr. Tremain's counsel was not in order until eleven o'clock when he entered the court.

CHIEF JUSTICE DALY, of the Common Pleas, entered and at once took his seat on the bench. A few minutes of consultation followed between the counsel and the Judge, who, when at last it was decided to remove the trial of the case to the General Term of the Common Pleas, the Judge ordered the stampede of reporters, lawyers, clerks, officers and the general audience to the room designated with the exception of a few, who were to remain in the court room for the purpose of the trial.

Mr. Sparks, the Clerk of the General Sessions, the official stenographer, Mr. Barker, the official reporter, and the whole official machinery of the General Sessions, departed the places of the regular attaches of the Common Pleas. The trial of the case of Mayor Hall, specially summoned on the case of the trial of the case.

The first juror that answered to his name was the first juror sworn.

James W. Jackson, the oath to the juror was administered by the Judge. The juror was sworn to try the case of Mayor Hall, and to give a true verdict according to the law.

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